

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 1-11 and 20-25 is noted with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,955,884 (herein "Payton") in view of newly cited U.S. 7,383,132 (herein "Green").

The present application is a national phase of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/001877 which was filed on April 30, 2004 and claims priority of GB 0313376.6 filed on June 10, 2003.

The earliest possible effective date of Green as a reference is March 7, 2005, to the extent the subject matter thereof corresponds to the subject matter of Provisional Application No. 60/659,325. Otherwise, the effective date is February 10, 2006.

Consequently, Green does not qualify as prior art and for at least this reason the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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